Kathleen Roussel was appointed Director of Public Prosecutions on June 21, 2017, after serving as Deputy Director of the Public Prosecution Service of Canada from April 2013.

Previously, Kathleen had been serving as Senior General Counsel and Executive Director of the Environment Legal Services Unit at the Department of Justice (Canada), a position she held since 2008. From 2001 to 2005, she was the Senior Counsel and Director of the Canadian Firearms Centre Legal Services.

Before joining the public service, Ms. Roussel worked as a criminal defence lawyer. She has been a member of the Law Society of Ontario since 1994 and graduated from the University of Ottawa Law School in 1992, having previously obtained an Honours Religion degree from Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario.